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Love and Equality Win Again!

County Executive Abele Applauds Supreme Court Ruling in Favor of Equality

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele said he is thrilled with the Supreme Court ruling today that guarantees a right to same-sex marriage across the country.

"This is an historic end to Pride Month and an incredible bookend to what happened one year ago when we celebrated history at the Milwaukee County Courthouse as same sex couples of all ages, races, and religions said 'I do.' Today's ruling is another step forward for love and equality," County Executive Abele said. "While I am extremely thrilled with the ruling, I will continue to do what I've been doing for more than 20 years - fight for equality and the fair treatment of all people. Across Milwaukee County government we remain focused on fostering an inclusive and diverse culture, where every employee is accepted, valued, respected, and treated fairly."

County Abele has been a long-time supporter of marriage equality and LGBT rights. Since being elected County Executive in 2011, he's continued that support by establishing domestic partner benefits for Milwaukee County employees and signed into law a measure that prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expressions.

County Executive Abele was given the <u>"Champion of Equality"</u> award by PrideFest earlier this month as recognition of his longtime support and dedication.